

**Committee Notes – Joint Meeting**  
**Security Committee- Hollywood Entertainment District, Sunset and Vine BID**  
**May 10, 2012**

---

Attendance: HED Committee Members Present: John Tronson, Chairperson; Dan Chismire. Carol Massie, and Thaddeus Smith. Not Present: Don Mushin. SVBID Committee Members Present: Elizabeth McDonald and Anthony Bell. Not Present: Fred Rosenthal, Chairperson; Fabio Conti, John Lupo, and Roxanna Sassanian. Liaisons: Steve Seyler, Joe Salazar, and Mike Harkins, Andrews International; Not Present, LAPD; Sgt. Jablonsky, Deputy Moore, LASD. Staff: Kerry Morrison, Joe Mariani Jr., Hollywood Property Owners Alliance. Guests: Brian Folb, Paramount Contractors and Developers; Allison Kettlety, Space 1520.

- I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Committee Chair John Tronson at 9:44 a.m.
- II. Public Comment: No Public Comment
- III. Meeting Notes: The committee approved their meeting notes from their April 12, 2012 meeting.
- IV. Reports

A. Report from Andrews International

1. Steve Seyler reviewed with the committee the current report and statistics for 2012. Seyler mentioned to the committee that the upward trend in statistics mentioned last month has continued into May. So far calls for service have increased by 209 this year, followed by arrests (up by 47). Officers have also noticed that one time homeless man, “Arnie,” had returned to the BID after being placed in a supportive facility in Arizona. Since his return the gentleman has slowly deteriorated and is often causing disturbances within the BID. Seyler and the BID officers are working with Housing Works, PATH, and other outreach providers to get Arnie back into a safe facility.

2. Update on Radio Equipment: Joe Mariani informed the committee that with the help of Dan Chismire and Mike Harkins (Hollywood and Highland) he was able to get a hold of a reliable technician at Bearcom. A gentleman by the name of Ken has been out to the Andrews office three times now and is continuing the process of diagnosing the problems with the radio. Thus far, Bearcom has supplied the office with new speaker microphones for officers and moved the dispatch antenna location. Joe Salazar and Mariani are continuing to monitor transmissions this week, and will report back to Ken to see what the next steps will be. Mariani did say that overall the transmissions from the radios are much better than when he had reported at last month’s meeting.

B. Report from LAPD: LAPD was not present.

## **Minutes – Joint Meeting**

### **Security Committee- Hollywood Entertainment District, Sunset and Vine BID**

**May 10, 2012**

C. Report from LA Sheriff's Department: Sgt. Jablonsky from the LASD reported that the department has a new HIT team. The HIT team is made up of deputies who work a flex schedule allowing them to focus on problems in various areas as they appear. The Sergeant also mentioned that the department is still trying to work with Metro to finalize a date when stations will begin locking their gates. At this time it appears it will be a minimum of 3-6 months before the first station complies.

#### **VI. New Business**

##### **A. Status of Video Surveillance Camera System:**

1. Report on Visit to LAPD Camera Room: Mariani reported that several committee members joined him at the LAPD Wilcox station for a tour of the department's security camera system. Attendees of the meeting included Brian Folb, Fred Rosenthal, Sgt. McDonald (LAPD), and Chris Steele (Metro Video), along with other committee members. The meeting was a great opportunity for the committee to take a look at the current state of the camera system and how it operates. Sgt. McDonald mentioned to the attendees that the LAPD would like to move the monitors to the Detective's bureau located on the other side of the station. During the visit, Fred Rosenthal had also suggested the cameras be upgraded to an IP technology. Tronson suggested that an ad-hoc committee be formed to help oversee the possible movement of the equipment, and to review what options are available for the system. Those who volunteered to serve on the committee are: John Tronson, Brian Folb, Fred Rosenthal, Allison Kettlety. It was also decided that members of the Media District should be invited as well.

2. Whitley Camera: Metro Video went to take a second look at the Whitley site last week and informed Mariani that the proposed location may have a difficult line of site, due to the dual tree line on Hollywood Boulevard. Mariani is continuing discussions with the company to try and find an alternative location.

B. Fast Food Restaurant Security Use: After several attempts to contact the Jack in the Box office to reschedule a meeting, Mariani informed the committee that the company has yet to respond with any new dates. Brian Folb suggested that community members and businesses, such as Amoeba and Space 1520 which have had concerns with the property write letters to the corporate office. Mariani said he would reach out to these businesses and give them the proper address as to where their letters could be sent.

#### **V. Old Business**

##### **A. Homeless Outreach Update:**

a. General Update: Morrison informed the committee that the Veteran's Administration RFP for service providers has been released and that responses are due back by the end of May. Currently there are a few service agencies in Hollywood who are interested in applying.

b. Injunction Impacting Skid Row Sidewalks: Presently the City is waiting a federal court decision that could potentially open all of Los Angeles up to having to hold unattended property on the sidewalk. Morrison is working on educating key individuals at the city as to the affect a city wide injunction would have on Los Angeles, and Hollywood, should individuals be allowed to leave their unattended property on any sidewalk.

**Minutes – Joint Meeting**

**Security Committee- Hollywood Entertainment District, Sunset and Vine BID**

**May 10, 2012**

B. Community Impact Team : This coming Friday (5/11) Morrison and Mariani will be attending a meeting with Santa Monica Visitor's Bureau to discuss their strategy of managing tour operators in Santa Monica. Attendees of the meeting will also include the Hollywood Chamber of Commerce, LADOT, and some Hollywood Tour Operators.

VII. Next Meeting: The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, June 14, 2012 at 9:30 a.m. in Suite 802 of the Taft Building (1680 Vine St., Los Angeles, CA. 90028).

VIII. Adjournment: There being no further business the meeting was adjourned by Committee Chair John Tronson at 10:53 a.m.